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Status

1)☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on *16 September 2009*.

2a)☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b)☐ This action is non-final.

3)☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4)☒ Claim(s) *89-111* is/are pending in the application.

4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

5)☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.

6)☒ Claim(s) *89-111* is/are rejected.

7)☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.

8)☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9)☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10)☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a)☐ accepted or b)☐ objected to by the Examiner.

Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).

11)☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12)☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

a)☐ All b)☐ Some * c)☐ None of:

1.☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.

2.☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.

3.☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08) Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.
4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ .
5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Amendment Entry

1. Applicants' response to the Non-Final Office Action mailed 3/17/09 is acknowledged (Paper filed 9/16/09). In the amendment filed therein claims 31-36, 51, 54, 60-62, 66, 69-76, and 80-88 were cancelled. New claims 89-111 were added. Currently claims 89-111 are pending and under consideration.

2. Rejections and/or objections of record not reiterated below have been withdrawn.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

> (a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negatived by the manner in which the invention was made.

This application currently names joint inventors. In considering patentability of the claims under 35 U.S.C. 103(a), the examiner presumes that the subject matter of the various claims was commonly owned at the time any inventions covered therein were made absent any evidence to the contrary. Applicant is advised of the obligation under 37 CFR 1.56 to point out the inventor and invention dates of each claim that was not commonly owned at the time a later invention was made in order for the examiner to consider the applicability of 35 U.S.C. 103(c) and potential 35 U.S.C. 102(f) or (g) prior art under 35 U.S.C. 103(a).

I. Claims 89-95, 99-106, and 108-111 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Shalon et al. (WO 95/35505) in view of Bangs Laboratories, Inc., 8/29/99 pages 1-16 and further in view of Foster et al. (U.S.Patent#4,444,879).

Shalon et al. teach microarrays with immobilized reagents. The immobilized reagents include antibodies and antibody fragments that are dispensed on selected array positions. See abstract, page 11 lines 15-24, and page 31 lines 32-35, for example. The discrete positions on the microarray are spaced apart (spatially addressable) on the solid support. See page 5 line 33, page 6 line 2, page 7 line 26-27. The source (cell line or cell type) of the antibodies at each discrete location is known. See page 12 line 32 through page 13 line 2.

In one embodiment, the microarray is treated to reduce non-specific binding with a polycationic polymer. See page 7 lines 30-32. The microarray has reagents (antibodies) spotted in discrete positions between 0.01 nanoliters and 100 nanoliters. See page 6 lines 8-10.

The microarray also comprises regions from 100 locations per square centimeter to 1000 locations per square centimeter. Page 12 lines 3-9. Shalon et al. further disclose that each region in the array contains an analyte specific reagent. It inherently teaches embodiments wherein a collection of 1000 different antibodies are provided on the microarray. See page 5 lines 26-29 for example.

Shalon et al. differ from the instant invention in not specifically teaching solid supports or microarrays coated with dual antibodies or antigens for assay procedures.

However, the reference to Bangs Laboratories, Inc. identifies various tests, which can be useful with coated supports. These methods include agglutination test, ELISAs, turbidimetric immunoassays, sandwich test, and solid phase assays. Page 1 Introduction. In one embodiment the use of two antibodies(Ab) are employed such that one polyclonal Ab is adsorbed onto a particle (inner coating) and used to bind another monoclonal Ab (outer coat). The antibody on the outer layer (monoclonal) becomes more accessible because it sticks out further into the aqueous phase for greater antigen binding. See page 8 1st column 3rd paragraph.

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to employ multiple reagent (complex) coated particles or insoluble supports as taught by Bangs Laboratories, Inc in the reagents and method of Shalon et al. because the reference to Bangs Laboratories, Inc. taught that this configuration (multiple reagent or complex coating) exhibited better activity or recognition of the antigen perhaps because the outer antibody is more free to move around and bind the antigen of interest. See page 8 2nd column 3rd paragraph. One of ordinary skill in the art would have been motivated to employ the inner/outer- coated particles of Bangs Laboratories, Inc. in order to acquire enhanced sensitivity.

Shalon et al. in view of Bangs Laboratories, Inc., 8/29/99 pages 1-16 disclose the microarray required by the claims. However, the references fail to teach kits. Kits are well known embodiments for assay reagents. Foster et al. (U.S. Patent #4,444,879) describe one example. In their patent kits including the reactant reagents, a microplate, positive controls, negative controls, standards, and instructions are taught. See figure 6, and column 15, lines 10-34.

It would have been prima facie obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of applicant's invention to take the detection assay microarray and reagents as taught by Shalon et al. (WO 95/35505) in view of Bangs Laboratories, Inc., 8/29/99 pages 1-16 and format them into a kit because Foster et al. teach that it is convenient to do so and one can enhance sensitivity of a method by providing reagents as a kit.

Further, the reagents in a kit are available in pre-measured amounts, which eliminate the variability that can occur when performing the assay.

II. Claims 96-98 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Shalon et al. (WO 95/35505) in view of Bangs Laboratories, Inc., 8/29/99 pages 1-16 and further in view of and further in view of Foster et al. (U.S.Patent#4,444,879) and Unla et al. (Electrophoresis, 1997, 18, pages 2071-2077).

Please see Shalon et al. (WO 95/35505) in view of Bangs Laboratories, Inc., 8/29/99 pages 1-16 and Foster et al. as set forth above.

Shalon et al. in view of Bangs Laboratories, Inc., 8/29/99 pages 1-16 and Foster et al. differ from the instant invention in not specifically teaching a first and second fluorescent dye for labeling a cell lysate.

However, Unla et al. teach assay procedures to detect protein differences between two samples. The protein differences between two samples are evaluated in a modified 2-DE (two dimensional polyacrylamide gel electrophoresis) technique called difference gel electrophoresis (DIGE). In particular, two protein samples are labeled with two cyanine dyes.

This allows for the simultaneous measurement of both samples on the same gel (array). Differences in the two samples due to differences in gene expression or protein modification can be identified quickly. See page 2071, 2nd column. In one embodiment *E. coli* transformed with the chimeric protein GAL4VP16 were induced for 15 min with IPTG. Extracts were labeled with either Cy3 or Cy5 and compared. See figure 4 on page 2076, for example.

It would have been prima facie obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of applicant's invention to employ first and second fluorescent dyes as taught by Unla et al. with the microarray of Shalon et al. in view of Bangs Laboratories, Inc., 8/29/99 pages 1-16 and Foster et al. because Unla et al. taught that this allows for the simultaneous measurement of two samples (cell lists) on the same gel (array). Differences in the two samples due to differences in gene expression or protein modification can be identified quickly. See page 2071, 2nd column.

III. Claim 107 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Shalon et al. (WO 95/35505) in view of Bangs Laboratories, Inc., 8/29/99 pages 1-16 and further in view of and further in view of Foster et al. (U.S.Patent#4,444,879) and Unla et al. (Electrophoresis, 1997, 18, pages 2071-2077) as applied to claims 89-95, 99-106, and 108-111 above, and further in view of Ragg and Whitlow (FASEB, Vo1.9, January 1995, pages 73-80).

Shalon et al. (WO 95/35505) in view of Bangs Laboratories, Inc., 8/29/99 pages 1-16 in view of Foster et al. (U.S.Patent#4,444,879) and Unla et al. (Electrophoresis, 1997, 18, pages 2071-2077) is set forth above.

Shalon et al. (WO 95/35505) in view of Bangs Laboratories, Inc., 8/29/99 pages 1-16 and Foster et al. (U.S.Patent#4,444,879) and Unla et al. (Electrophoresis, 1997, 18, pages 2071-2077) differ from the instant invention in not teaching antibody fragments such as single chain/stranded recombinant antibody compositions.

However, Raag and Whitlow disclose single chain recombinant antibody fragments (sFv) consisting of only the variable light chain (VL) and variable heavy chain (VH) domains covalently linked by a polypeptide linker. Because the single chain recombinant antibody fragments are small they have rapid pharmacokinetics and tumor penetration in vivo. See abstract.

These single chain recombinant antibody fragments are derived from the antigen-binding domain of antibodies and are useful in any molecular recognition or binding application. See page 74 2nd column 2nd paragraph. SFv's are disclosed as tine reducers in ELISA applications. See page 74 2nd column middle of the 3rd paragraph.

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to use antibody fragments like recombinant single chain/stranded antibodies (sFv) as taught by Raag and Whitlow in the microarray of Shalon et al. (WO 95/35505) in view of Bangs Laboratories, Inc., 8/29/99 pages 1-16 in view of Foster et al. (U.S.Patent#4,444,879) and Unla et al. (Electrophoresis, 1997, 18, pages 2071-2077) to produce arrays to perform multiple sample analysis in the rapid detection systems because Raag and Whitlow taught that sFv's were small allowing for rapid penetration (abstract), useful in any antibody application (page 74 2nd column 2nd paragraph), and reduced time in ELISA procedures page 74 2nd column middle of the 3rd paragraph.

Response to Arguments

Applicant's has not addressed the prior art rejections of record. Accordingly they have been maintained over the newly added claims.

4. For reasons aforementioned, no claims are allowed.

5. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

6. Papers related to this application may be submitted to Group 1600 by facsimile transmission. The Group 1641 – Central Fax number is (571) 273-8300, which is able to receive transmissions 24 hours/day, 7 days/week.

In the event Applicant would like to fax an unofficial communication, the Examiner should be contacted for the appropriate Right Fax number.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Lisa V. Cook whose telephone number is (571) 272-0816. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday from 7:00 AM - 4:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mark Shibuya, can be reached on (571) 272-0806.

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